

# Hunter Mill Highlights from Supervisor Cathy Hudgins

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**Hunter Mill Highlights** is my electronic monthly newsletter. Please share this issue with your organizations. To be added to our mailing list, e-mail me at huntermill@fairfaxcounty.gov

Dear Hunter Mill Friends,

As we all know, the leaders we elect make the decisions that affect every one of us – our job, health care, energy costs, security and more. Without a doubt, educated and informed voters are the key to our democracy. With the November elections just around the corner and absentee in person voting in full swing, I would like to applaud the grassroots efforts of a wonderful organization – The League of Women Voters (LWV). But what is the League, and what is its role in Fairfax County?

By way of introduction allow me to share that The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area is a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. You may be particularly aware of their efforts in the areas of voter registration and campaign finance reform. Furthermore, it works to increase the public's understanding of major policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

Every day, every year, the League has worked to foster civic engagement and enhance access to the vote, since its founding in the wake of the passage in 1920 of the 19th Amendment, which gave women the right to vote. It has expanded from securing the right to vote for women to include the right to vote for every eligible citizen. Whether protecting voters or protecting the environment or reforming campaign finance, the League of Women Voters have a mission of making democracy work.

To "meet" two Fairfax County LWV members, Beth Henson Tudan, Executive Director, League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area and Julie Jones, former co-president of the Fairfax League, I encourage you to watch my October cable show. (See page 2) During our conversation we were able to explore topics such as how the League can help people know the candidates and the issues and how the League works to educate voters about candidates with the thousands of federal, state and local races each year.

In addition, we talked about voter suppression and what kind of things interfere with the voting process and what kind of things can be done to prevent it.

In all honesty, I must confess I am very impressed with the fine work the LWV does ensuring that all eligible voters have the opportunity and the information to exercise their right to vote – particularly those from traditionally underrepresented or underserved communities. including first-time voters, non-college youth, new citizens, minorities, the elderly and lowincome Americans. If you are curious to learn more about this non-profit and their on-line nonpartisan election resource, VOTE411.org, you can find more details at http://lwv.org/.

Finally, when you have a concern or interest that we can help you with, please contact the Hunter Mill District office at 703-478-0283, or through the Hunter Mill District web site.

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#### **Reston PRC District Community Meeting**

The Department of Planning and Zoning has scheduled an additional Reston PRC Zoning Amendment community meeting for **Monday, October 23, 2017**. This meeting will be held at South Lakes High School cafeteria (11400 South Lakes Drive, Reston), beginning at 7 pm.

Because of the great interest, this meeting was scheduled in the largest available public venue in Reston. In addition, arrangements have been made for the County's **Channel 16** to provide live broadcast and streaming of the proceedings for those who may be unable to attend the meeting. More details on the broadcast will be forthcoming.

To view previous presentations, for additional information, and to share your comments, visit <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/prc-zo-amendment/">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/zoningordinance/prc-zo-amendment/</a>.

#### **Election Day Is Coming**

- On Election Day, November 7, 2017, polls are open from 6 am 7 pm.
- <u>Unofficial Election Results</u> are available after the polls close on Election night.
- To determine whether you are eligible to vote in this election, visit the <u>Virginia Department of Elections website</u> or call the Voter Registration Office at 703-222-0776.
- Voter Photo ID Requirements
- In-Person Absentee Voting is currently underway
- October 17: Voter Registration Deadline In-Person: 5:00 pm, Online: 11:59 pm.
- October 31: Last day to apply for an absentee ballot by mail, Fax, e-mail or online: 5:00 pm.
- November 4: Final day for In-Person Absentee Voting
- November 7: Election Day polls are open from 6 am to 7 pm; Absentee Ballot Return Deadline: 7:00 pm.

**Absentee Voting in-person: North County Government Center** (1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston) Saturdays, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on October 7, 14, 21, 28 and November 4. Beginning October 16: Monday - Friday, 3:30 pm to 7 pm, and ending on Friday, November 3.

Absentee in-person voting is also underway at the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax. Check the link for In-Person Absentee Voting link for hours and days.

#### First Wednesday at the Patrick Henry Library

Supervisor Hudgins will be available to meet with residents one-on-one at the next First Wednesday session on **November 1st,** from 4 to 6 pm, at the Patrick Henry Library in Vienna (101 Maple Avenue East). You are invited to come and share any concern you have with your Supervisor, or just talk with her one-on-one. First Wednesday sessions will resume in January 2018.

## Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins Now Playing on Channel 16's Cable Show:



Each month, Supervisor Hudgins host a television program on the County's Channel 16, on a variety of important issues and topics in the Hunter Mill District and the County. Broadcast times and days and links to <u>video on demand</u> are available on the "Connecting with Supervisor Hudgins" webpage.

**October: Voting and Elections.** In October, tune to hear important information about voter registration, voting requirements, and absentee voting. Representatives with the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area will be Supervisor Hudgins' guests for this program.

#### **ENCORES**

Previously aired programs are now available for you to view. As requested, links are now posted on the <u>Hunter Mill</u> <u>District webpage</u> for the following programs that were broadcast earlier this year:

- "Plastic is Not Fantastic for Yard Waste"
- "Preserving Fairfax County Cemeteries"

#### Lake Fairfax Park Master Planning Process to Start

The Fairfax County Park Authority has started a public planning process that will update the master plan for Lake Fairfax Park. A public meeting will outline current conditions and amenities, explain the process and discuss potential revisions to the existing plan this November.

A public information meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 1, 2017** at 7 pm, at South Lake High School, Lecture Hall 333 (11400 South Lake Drive, Reston). At this meeting, Park Authority staff will provide background on the park and the planning process before opening the floor to an open house format to receive comments from the community. Any questions or comments can also be directed to us via email at <a href="mail@fairfaxcounty.gov">Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>. The comment period closes on Friday, December 1, 2017 - 30 days from the public information meeting.

This 482-acre park in Reston is owned and operated by the Park Authority. Additional parcels and structures have been added to the park since the existing park master plan was approved in 2001. This public process will help determine land use recommendations focused on the features of the added property and evaluating existing facilities to see if they are still meeting current needs. The Park Authority encourages the public to lend its voice to the decision-making process.

The park features include a 20-acre lake with fishing, the Water Mine Family Swimmin' Hole, boat rentals, carousel, athletic fields, picnic shelters and picnic areas with grills, a playground, restrooms, campgrounds, trails and a skate park. You can learn more about the planning process for Lake Fairfax Park at Lake Fairfax Park Master Plan Revision. For more information, contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662.

#### Well Water Clinic: What's in Your Water?

Do you know what's in your drinking water? While public water supplies are tested daily for contaminants, most private water supplies, like wells and springs, are rarely tested. It is recommended that well owners test their water at least annually for bacteria and nitrates. Learn more about the quality of your water and how to care for your water system at Virginia Cooperative Extension's 3-part clinic held at the Pennino Building - 12011 Government Center Parkway, 10th floor, Fairfax. Testing kits are \$55 each.

- **1. Kickoff meeting** | Mon, Oct 16, 7-8:30pm | A brief presentation addresses common water quality issues in Fairfax and instructions for collecting water samples from your tap. Water sampling kits are distributed.
- **2. Sample collection** | Wed, Oct 18, 6:30-10am ONLY| Collect your sample at home, and drop it off at the VCE office. Samples are transported to the Virginia Tech campus and analyzed for: iron, manganese, nitrate, lead, arsenic, fluoride, sulfate, pH, total dissolved solids, hardness, sodium, copper, total coliform bacteria and E. Coli bacteria.
- **3. Interpretation meeting** | Wed, Nov 15, 7-9pm| Participants receive their confidential water test results. A presentation explains what the numbers on the test report mean and what options participants may consider to deal with water problems. Experts will be on hand to answer any specific questions you may have about your water and water system.

Pre-registration is highly recommended! Registration details are on our website <a href="https://fairfax.ext.vt.edu/">https://fairfax.ext.vt.edu/</a>. For questions about registration, contact Lareka Washington at 703.324.5369 or <a href="larekaw@vt.edu">larekaw@vt.edu</a>. Visit VCE's Virginia Household Water Quality Program website for more information on the program <a href="https://fairfax.ext.vt.edu/">www.wellwater.bse.vt.edu/</a>.



#### Convergence Unveiled

On September 21, artist Zachary Oxman unveiled his sculpture, *Convergence*, across from the Wiehle Metrorail entrance at Aperture (Reston Station Blvd).

#### From the artist:

The birth of a thought: the precarious edge that separates the intangible from tangible. Like the shutter of a camera snatching a moment and giving it life. Celebrating the duality of the moment of commitment; so fragile as it waits to become, and so strong it may be as it tips to reality.

You can view *Convergence* on Reston Station Blvd. This project was supported by Wiehle Avenue Apartments, LLC.



### Highlights of Events at Library Branches in Hunter Mill

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Fairfax County Librarian Sondy Ekland, the Youth Services Manager at the City of Fairfax Regional Library. Sondy has been selected to serve on the Newberry Award Committee. The Newberry Award is the highest award given in children's literature nationally.

## PATRICK HENRY LIBRARY EVENTS: 703-938-0405

**Indie Author Day - Meet Local Authors and Illustrators:** Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 pm. Learn about authors in our community and how to get started writing and publishing your works. Adults.

**Woof and Paws - Read to a Dog:** Monday, Oct. 16, and Thursday, Oct. 19, 4-5 pm. Sign up for a 15-minute session to read to a therapy dog. Age 6-12.

**Poe's Long Shadow: A Literary Appreciation:** Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7:30 pm. Author Maya Corrigan will discuss Edgar Allan Poe's legacy in popular culture. Adults and teens.

The Consummate Citizen-Soldier Charles Russell Lowell, Jr.: Thursday, Oct. 26, 7:30 pm. Historian Jim Lewis describes the Civil War career and life of a Union battlefield commander. Cosponsored by Historic Vienna, Inc. Adults.

**Playdate Cafe:** Saturday, Oct. 28 and Tuesday, Oct 31, 10:30 am. Join other caregivers to socialize while the kids play with toys. Birth-5 years with adult.

## RESTON REGIONAL LIBRARY EVENTS: 703-689-2700

**Computer/Internet/eBook Help:** One-hour session with a tech volunteer. Call for appointment. Adults

**Yoga Storytime with Little Twisters:** Thursday, Oct. 12 and Monday, Oct. 16, 10:30 am. Hear a children's story, then act it out using yoga poses. Age 3-5 with adult.

**Indie Author Day: Rob Gutro:** Saturday, Oct. 14, 2 pm. A local author and paranormal investigator will talk about his book *Lessons Learned From the Dead*. Adults and teens.

**Halloween Science Spectacular:** Saturday, Oct 21, 11 am. Explore fun Halloween science experiments that are gooey and foggy. Age 6-12.

Hot Topics: News Blues and How to Defuse: Monday, Oct. 23, 7 pm. Learn to navigate through an array of news sources. Practice respectful communications techniques when discussing hot-button issues, with George Mason University's School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution. Adults.

Visit the Fairfax County Public Library website for branch, additional programs, information, and registration.



#### Home Repair for the Elderly Program

Is your home ready for winter? Fairfax County's Home Repair for the Elderly Program is designed to provide minor home repairs to eligible low and moderate income elderly homeowners as well as accessibility modifications for disabled homeowners. The County's program will provide a crew to do up to one week's labor and provide up to \$500 in materials to complete necessary repairs and maintenance. Check out the <a href="Home Repair For the Elderly website">Home Repair For the Elderly website</a> for eligibility and types of repairs.

#### 55+ Events at Reston Community Center

To register or for more information, go to <a href="www.restoncommunitycenter.com">www.restoncommunitycenter.com</a>, or call 703-390-6157. Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods is located at 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston.

Make a Connection: Friday, October 13, 2 to 5 pm

Find a new friend or meet your future companion. Make a Connection is a fun and lively way to meet new and interesting people through a series five-minute chats in a welcoming and inclusive environment. Light refreshments. Free.

Home Fit Workshop: Wednesday, October 18, 1 to 2:30 pm

The AARP Home Fit Workshop provides information on how to decide which types of home modifications are needed to age in place and to maintain daily activities while staying comfortable, independent, and injury-free. Workshop participants will receive comprehensive advice, tips and checklists for putting their home in top condition for comfort, safety and long-term livability. Free.

Social Security: Property Timing: Tuesday, October 24, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

This class is meant for those nearing retirement or in retirement on options for taking social security - the right time and how to take it. The instructor is a financial advisor. Bring your questions. Class is for education purposes only - there will be no solicitation or obligations of attendees.

#### Transportation









#### FCDOT Asks for Your Input on the Transportation Priorities Plan

FCDOT is seeking your feedback to help prioritize unfunded transportation projects in the County. The results of this outreach will assist the Board of Supervisors in selecting transportation priorities that can be implemented with existing revenue sources and additional funding that may become available in the future.

The county has identified more than 100 unfunded capital and operating projects important for improving the efficiency and safety of the county's transportation network. These projects are *in addition* to the <u>approximately 300 projects</u> that are already funded and underway (in the amount of approximately \$3 billion).

- <u>List of Proposed</u> <u>Unfunded Projects</u> (PDF)
- Interactive Map\*
- Static Maps (PDF)

Public comment meetings are:

**Thursday, October 12**, 7-9 pm, at North County Governmental Center (1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston) **Monday, October 23**, 7-9 pm, at Fairfax County Governmental Center (12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax) **Monday, October 30**, 7-9 pm, at Thomas Jefferson Library (7415 Arlington Boulevard, Falls Church).

Visit <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot">www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot</a> for information on the meetings, proposed projects, and ways to provide your feedback. If you are unable to attend a public meeting, you can join FCDOT staff for a live <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot">Ask Fairfax! online chat</a> on <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot">Tuesday, Oct. 17</a>, from noon to 1 pm. Or, you can also let FCDOT know which projects you want to be considered for funding by filling out the following online survey and let us know what you think.

#### North Shore Drive Sidewalk Project Meeting

Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host a community meeting on the North Shore Drive sidewalk project on **Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2017, at 7 pm,** Lake Anne Elementary School cafeteria (11510 North Shore Drive, Reston).

The project adds a 5' sidewalk on the south side of North Shore Drive from Sycamore Valley Court to the existing sidewalk east of North Shore Court in Reston. At the meeting, local residents and other interested parties will learn about the project and will be able to ask questions and provide feedback.

For more information on the project, or to submit feedback online, visit <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/northshoredrive.htm">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/pedestrian/northshoredrive.htm</a> or call FCDOT at 703-877-5600



#### Northern Virginia Paving Program

The Virginia Department of Transportation is continuing its repaving efforts in our area. To check the status and schedule of their repaving efforts, please visit: <a href="http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northern\_virginia/">http://www.virginiadot.org/projects/northern\_virginia/</a> program.asp.

#### Soapstone Connector Environment Assessment Public Hearing

The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will host an Environmental Assessment Public Hearing on the Soapstone Drive Connector Project (No. 2G40-078) on **Wednesday**, **Nov. 8**, **2017**, at Dogwood Elementary School, 12300 Glade Drive, Reston, from **6:30-8:30 pm**, with a formal presentation at 7:15 pm. Information regarding the project and the environmental documentation is also available at Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT), at 4050 Legato Road, Suite 400, Fairfax, Va., 22033 and at <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/soapstoneconnector">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fcdot/soapstoneconnector</a>.

#### Join the Mobility and Transportation Committee to Improve Accessible Transportation

The Fairfax County Mobility and Transportation Committee finalized its Strategic Plan for 2017-2019 and are looking for new members who are interested in creating a multi-modal transportation system in the Fairfax area that affords personal independence, choice and full participation by all individuals regardless of age, disability or economic status.

The Fairfax Area Mobility and Transportation Committee is a joint committee of the Fairfax Area Disability Services Board and the Fairfax Area Long Term Care Coordinating Council. It supports the creation of a multi-modal transportation system in the Fairfax area that will afford personal independence, choice, and full participation by all individuals.

If you or someone you know are interested in joining the M&T committee in fostering these goals, please come to our next meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Wednesday**, **October 25** in room 9/10 at the Fairfax Government Center. Please contact Jill Clark with questions or accessibility requests at <a href="mailto:jill.clark@fairfaxcounty.gov">jill.clark@fairfaxcounty.gov</a>, or 703-324-5874. All meetings are open to the public and held in accessible locations.

#### **Public Safety**

#### **Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout**

Help our community prevent prescription medicine abuse and accidental poisoning by properly disposing of your unused or expired medications during Operation Medicine Cabinet Cleanout on **Saturday**, **October 28** in Fairfax County, as part of the DEA National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. Protect the health of our families and waterways by properly disposing of unwanted or expired medications.

Bring unused or expired medications (just pills or liquids - no pressurized canisters or needles) to Fairfax County district police stations, the Town of Vienna police station, or the Town of Herndon police headquarters. Hours for drop off are 10 am to 2 pm. Disposal is free, convenient, confidential and safe.

Drop-off sites, in/near the Hunter Mill District are:

Reston District Station - 1801 Cameron Glen Drive, Reston Vienna Police Station - 215 Center Street South, Vienna Herndon Police Headquarters - 397 Herndon Parkway, Herndon Fair Oaks District Station - 12300 Lee Jackson Memorial Highway, Fairfax McLean District Station - 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean

#### **Public Safety Corner**



#### All Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations to Host Open House

In celebration of Fire Prevention Week, all Fairfax County Fire and Rescue Stations will be hosting an Open House Event. Stop by your local station on Saturday, **October 14**<sup>th</sup> **from 10 am– 4 pm** to meet your local firefighters, see the fire trucks, join in the activities, and learn about fire safety. To find your local fire station, please visit <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/deptinfo/stations">https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/fr/deptinfo/stations</a>.

#### **Reston CAC Meets October 24**

The Reston Police District's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) will be meeting on Tuesday, **October 24**<sup>th</sup> at the Reston Association Headquarters (12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 20191) from **7-9 pm.** The CAC aims to enhance communication between residents and FCPD while offering residents a chance to have a dialogue with members of their local police districts. Members are kept informed about significant safety matters in their neighborhoods, and are encouraged to bring any issues or questions to the attention of local police commanders. This month's meeting will host Fairfax County's Independent Police Auditor, Richard Schott, and Citizen's Advisory Committee Vice-Chair, Rhonda VanLowe.



## Dialogue on Underage Drinking and Parental Responsibility

Join County and Fairfax County Public School leaders, Fairfax County Police and FCPS student leaders for a Dialogue on Underage Drinking and Parental Responsibility. In addition to discussion, this event will feature a hands-on demonstration that simulates the dangers of alcohol impairment.

This event will be held on Thursday, October 12, at 10 am, Lake Bradock Secondary School main gymnasium (9200 Burke Lake Road, Burke).

#### **Reduced Cost Rabies Clinics**

Fairfax County Animal Shelter sponsors Reduced Cost Rabies Clinics are various locations throughout the year. Dogs, cats and ferrets can receive 1-year rabies vaccinations. To obtain a 3-year vaccination, bring your pet's rabies certificate showing your pet's current rabies vaccination and expiration date. Cost of each vaccination is \$15 - payable by check or cash only.



Clinics run from noon to 2 pm, and are scheduled for:

- Sunday, October 23 Sully District Government Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. Chantilly.
- Sunday, December 10 Mason District Government Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.



### **Hunter Mill District Land Use Projects**

Information on all residential and commercial properties can be accessed through the Department of Tax Administration's <u>Real Estate Assessment Information Site</u>. You can search a property by address or tax map reference numbers. In the applications below, tax map reference numbers are in [brackets]. Addresses have also been included where available.

#### **Applications Accepted**

**1900-02 Campus Commons, LLC** has filed a Rezoning and Development Plan RZ/FDP2017-HM-018 and Proffer Condition PCA 79 -C-023 Amendment for approximately 11.6 acres at 1900 – 1902 Campus Commons [Tax Map 17-4 ((1)) Parcels 33 and 34 at the corner of Sunrise Valley Drive and Campus Commons Drive. The Applicant is seeking a mix of residential units and retail space, in addition to maintaining the existing office buildings. Two development options are being proposed: an additional 1,182,435 to 1,183,635 square feet of residential gross floor area with up to 1,097 residential units and between 18,480 and 26,480 square feet of ground retail. This is inclusive of the existing 233,390 square feet of office and 1,980 square feet of retail, with a combined total of 1,419,005 square feet of development. **The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.** 

JBG/Reston Executive Center, LLC (RTC West) has filed a Rezoning/Conceptual and Final Development Plan RZ/FDP 2016-HM-017 for 12100, 12110 and 12120 Sunset Hills Road, Reston [Tax Map 17-3 ((1)) Parcels 28A, 28B, and 28C] to rezone from Industrial 5 (I-5) to Planned Development Commercial (PDC) to permit the addition of approximately 675,000 square feet of residential space, 650,000 square feet of additional office space, and 52,000 square feet of additional ground floor retail. The existing office buildings and parking garage will be retained on this site. The proposed development will include two multi-family residential buildings, three office buildings, and ground floor retail throughout the property. The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

One Reston Co. LLC and Two Reston Co. LLC have filed a rezoning application RZ 2016-HM-007 to rezone the property located at 12000 and 12010 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston [Tax Map 17-3 ((8)) Parcels 1B and 1A1 from I-4] to Planned Development Commercial. The Property is currently developed with two (2) existing six-story office buildings totaling approximately 388,000 square feet and above-grade parking structure surface parking lot and two wet stormwater management ponds. The Property currently has approval for an additional 1.1 million square feet of development for three (3) new office buildings. The new proposal is to develop 3.88 million square feet of development for a total of 2.45 to include Transit Oriented Mixed-Use Development consisting of mid / high-rise residential buildings with potential hotel rooms and amenities, commercial buildings and ground floor retail. The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

Virginia Electric and Power Company, d/b/a Dominion Power filed a request for Final Development Plans (FDP 2011-HM-013 and FDP 2011-HM-027) to permit the development and operation of an electric substation on property at Tysons [Tax Map 29-3 ((1)) Parcels 2G, 3B and 5]. The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

CRS Sunset Hills, LC, as the contract-purchaser of Sunset Hills Professional Center, has filed Rezoning/Final Development Plan applications RZ/FDP 2016-HM-035, Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 2009-hm-019) to rezone from an Industrial District -4 to a Planned Residential Mixed-Use District (PRM). The site is located south of Sunset Hills Road, immediately north of the Reston Station development and the Wiehle-Reston East Station [Tax Maps 17-4((20A)) Parcels 1-4, 17-4 ((20B)) Parcels 5-8, 17-4 ((20C)), Parcels 9-14, 17-4((20D)) Parcels 15-18, 17-4 ((20E)) Parcels 19-22, 17-4 ((20F)) Parcels 23-26, and 17-4 ((20G)) Parcels 27-30]. The proposed rezoning is to replace the existing office condominiums with approximately 500 residential units (including workforce housing), 91,000 square feet of ground-floor retail, and 178,000 square feet of either office uses or a full-service hotel, for a total of 761,00 square feet of 3.13 effective Floor Area Ration (FAR), excluding 16% workforce housing. The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

Comstock Reston Station Holdings, LC has filed Proffer Condition Amendments (PCA 2009-HM-019-2) and Conceptual / Final Development Plans (CDPA/FDPA 2009-HM-019) applications for 1886 Metro Center Drive, [Tax Map 17-4 ((24)) Parcel 3, 17-4 ((1)) Parcels 17A, 17-4 ((1)) Parcel 17L2 and 17-4 ((1)) Parcel 17L3] to permit an increase in the maximum building heights of three (3) of the eight (8) approved buildings together with a corresponding increase in the Floor Area Ration (FAR) of the project. Comstock is also seeking to facilitate the transfer of any already-entitled hotel use in order to respond to market demand, and to retain the option of adding a second hotel concept to the Project in a later phase of development. The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.



#### Land Use continued -

Inova Health Care Services and the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County have filed Proffer Condition Amendments (PCA 74-2-113-05 and PCA 86-C-121-07) concurrent with Rezoning application (RZ 2017-HM-020) to establish the Grid of Streets and streetscape, Central Green and Infrastructure associated with the proposed redevelopment of Reston Town Center North. The property is located on the south side of Baron Cameron Avenue, east and west of Town Center Parkway, west side of Fountain Drive and the south side of Bowman Towne Drive. Addresses: 11901 & 12000 Baron Cameron Avenue; 11925 & 12000 Bowman Towne Drive (1801 Cameron Glen Drive), 1800 & 1850 Cameron Glen Drive; and 1778 Fountain Drive, Reston, VA. 20190. Tax Map Numbers: 17-1 ((1)) Parcels 3F, 12, 13, 14A, 14B, 14C, 14D, 14E, 14F and 017-1 ((17)) Parcel 5A. The Planning Commission public hearing has not been scheduled.

**Boston Properties LLC** (Reston Gateway) has filed a Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA- 86-C-119-07), Planned Residential Community (PRC – 86-C-119-02) and Development Plan Amendment (DPA 86-C-119-03) for property located on the north side of Sunset Hills Road, East side of Town Center Parkway and the south side of the W&OD Trail [Tax Map: 017-3 ((01))29A (Parcel 1), 17-3 ((01) 29B - Parcel 2, 17-3 ((01)) 5H1 – Parcel 3 and 17-3 ((01)) 5 – Parcel 4]. Development is focused on Parcels 1 and 2; with parcels 3 and 4 remaining unchanged with this application.

The proposed mixed use development will include 3.94 million square feet of new development across nine blocks, divided into two phases. Presented with two options: Option1: Retail/Restaurant = 182,400 Square feet; Office= 1,872,080 (includes 195,080 in block 3 that remains the same); hotel = 509,000 square feet (570 keys) and residential 1,575,000 square feet (1,520 units) with a total of 4,138,840 square feet. Option 2: Retail/restaurant 185,400 square feet; Office = 1,801,080 (includes 195,080 in block 3 that remains the same); Hotel = 458,000 (570 Keys); and Residential=1,694,000 (1,710 units) with a total of 4,138,480 square feet. Phasing of the potential build out will occur based on current lease obligations.

#### Applications Scheduled

**Tysons West Retail, LLC** has filed a Comprehensive Sign Plan Amendment (CSPA 2011-HM-032) for 1441,1500 Cornerside Blvd.; 8661, 8595 Leesburg Pike; and 8604 Westwood Center Drive, Vienna, VA. The request will allow for a 200 square foot building-mounted sign in another location at the project. **The Planning Commission approved this application at their September 14, 2017 meeting.** This application does not come before the Board of Supervisors.

Renaissance Centro 1801, LLC.: Rezoning (RZ 2016-HM-034) and Final Development Plan (FDP 2016-HM-043) to rezone 1801 Old Reston Avenue from Commercial District - C3 to Planned Residential Mixed-Use District (PRM). Located on the west side of Old Reston Avenue, south side of Temporary Road and East of Reston Parkway [Tax Map 017-2 ((1)) parcels 20B and 20C]. Temporary tracking numbers assigned: RZ 2016-0349 and FDP 2016-0350. The rezoning is to replace the existing office building with a 20-story high-rise for-sale condominium containing up to 150 units (consisting of 126 market rate units and 24 workforce dwelling units) for an intensity of 3.6 floor area ratio (FAR) inclusive of bonus density. The proposed building, inclusive of a mechanical rooftop penthouse, will be a maximum height of 254 feet. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 8:15 pm.

McNair Seniors Apartments, L.P. (Kendrick Court Senior Facility) has filed a Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 87-C-060-13) current with a Final Development Plan Amendment (FDPA 87-C-060-12) to amend proffers approved with PCA 87-C-060-5 in order to request an age restriction limit lowered from 62 to 55. The address is 13430 Coppermine Road, Herndon, VA [Tax Map: 016-3 ((01)), Parcel 38D]. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2017 at 8:15 pm, and Board of Supervisors public hearing for Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 3:30 pm.

Kensington Senior Development, LLC has filed a Planned Residential Community plan (PRC-C-378) concurrent with a Special Exception (SE 2016-HM-024) for an assisted living facility at 11501 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston [Tax Map 17-4 ((17)) Parcel 1C], located on the south side of Sunrise Valley Drive, approximately 675 feet east of the intersection with Soapstone Drive, currently the site of Good Beginnings Preschool. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 30, 2017, at 8:15 pm.

Linden Development Partners, LLC (Triangle Park) has filed a Rezoning/Final Development Plan (RZ/FDP 2016-HM-004) to rezone the property located at 11501 Sunset Hills Road, Reston [Tax Map 17-4 ((13)) Parcels 1, 2, and 2A] from Industrial 4(I-4) to Planned Residential Mixed Use (PRM). The Applicant proposes several development options: 1) residential/office mixed use development including two residential buildings with approximately 400 units and an office building with approximately 195,059 square feet of gross floor area; 2) the office building would be eliminated and approximately 312 additional residential units would be provided among the two buildings or possibly in a third building. In each option, the Applicant requests the ability to provide independent or assisted living units. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 8:15 pm.

#### Land Use continued

Northwest County (McNair) Elementary School Fairfax County School Board as filed Proffered Condition Amendment/Final Development Plan Amendment (PCA 87-C-060-14 and FDPA 87-C-060-09-03) and Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 93-H-045 / FDPA 93-H-045) to allow the construction of a new elementary school building and site modifications on the existing property of McNair Elementary School located at 2499 Thomas Jefferson Drive [Tax Map No. 16-3((1))parcel41], and an adjacent 1.36-acre parcel which was previously dedicated to the Board for public school and park use. McNair Elementary School is significantly overcrowded and the proposed school building will provide capacity relief. At this time, it is anticipated that the existing school building will serve grades K-3 with grades 4-6 in the new school building, subject to approval by the School Board. The new school will be a multi-level building (3-stories) and will include community-oriented spaces. This project was approved for design funding in the 2015 School Bond referendum. The proposed elementary school will consist of a gross floor area of approximately 130,000 square feet which, in addition to the existing McNair Elementary School which consists of approximately 98,625 square feet, will result in a total gross floor area of approximately 228,625 square feet on the Property. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, December 7, 2017 and a Board of Supervisors public hearing for Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Faraday Partners, LLC has filed a rezoning and final development plan, RZ/FDP 2017-HM-009, to rezone 1808 Michael Faraday Court from Industrial 5 District to a Planned Residential Mixed-Use District. The property is located on the west side of Michael Faraday Court, north of Sunset Hill Road and the W&OD trail [Tax Map is 18-3 ((1)), Parcel 26]. The temporary application numbers are RZ 2017-0074 and FDP 2017-0075. The Applicant is proposing to redevelop the existing office building with a seven story residential building and an urban park. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at 8:15 pm.

Fairfax County School Board has filed Planned Residential Community (PRC 76-C-111-02) application to permit building additions and site improvements at Langston Hughes Middle School located at 11401 Ridge Heights Road, Reston, Tax Map 026-2 ((18)), Parcel 9 part. Located on the south side of Ridge Heights Road, approximately 1,200 feet west of its intersection with South Lakes Drive. The application proposes to construct two (2) building additions and site modifications to the school. A two story addition is proposed to be located at the front of the school on the side of the existing building, consisting of a gross floor area of approximately 65,000 square feet. The Planning Commission public hearing is tentatively scheduled for January 10, 2018 at 8:15 p.m.

JBG/1831 Wiehle LLC, EYA Development LLC and The Chevy Chase Land Company of Montgomery County, Md. have filed Rezoning and Final Development Plans (RZ/FDP 2016-HM-024) for 1831 & 1860 Wiehle Avenue and 1840 & 1860 Michael Faraday Drive to permit a mixed-use, transit oriented development in the Wiehle-Reston Transit Station Area. The four parcels are located at [Tax Map: 17-4((18)) Parcels 1A and 1B and 17-4 ((18)) 2B and 3]. The existing office buildings will be replaced with approximately 1,688,000 square feet of development consisting of 840 multi-family units, 60 single-family attached residential units, 130 independent living units, 205,917 square feet of office space and 260,945 square feet of ground floor retail. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 8:15 pm.

**RP 11111 Sunset Hills Road,** RZ 2017-HM-006, FDP 2017-HM-006, [Tax Map 18-3 ((06)) Parcel 8] to rezone from Industrial 4 District (I-4) to Planned District Commercial (PDC) for a mixed-use development to include the construction of up to 175 multifamily units and 13 townhouses, while retaining the existing office building, and an extension of Reston Station Boulevard to Sunset Hills. The parcel is located on the south side of Sunset Hills Drive, approximately 980 feet east of its intersection with Michael Faraday Drive. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 8:15 pm.** 

American Armed Forces Mutual Aid Association has filed Proffered Condition Amendment (PCA 78-C-098-04) and Final Development Plan Amendment (FDPA 78-C-098-05) to replace the existing three-story office building with two three-story campusstyle office buildings at 1850 Old Reston Avenue, [Tax Map 17-4 ((1)), Parcel 1]. The property is located on the west side of Old Reston Avenue, north side of W&OD trail, and south of Temporary Road. The existing historic A. Smith Bowman House listed on Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites will not be disturbed, as well as the pond and gazebo being preserved. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 8:15 pm.

Pulte Homes Corporation has filed Rezoning and Final Development Plan (RZ/FDP 2016-HM-031) concurrent with Proffer Condition Amendments PCA 83-C-069-02 and PCA 80-C-086-02 to rezone the property at 12700 Sunrise Valley Drive, [Tax Map 14-4 ((26)) Parcel 1, 16-4 ((1)) Parcel 16B and 16-4 ((26)) 2], currently known as Reston Arboretum, from Industrial 4 and 5 Districts to Planned Development Commercial (PDC) to permit office and residential uses; Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 80-C-086-02 / PCA 83-C-069-02) to delete land area from the Industrial District 5. The Applicant proposes to construct forty-four (44) single family attached dwelling units and a parking garage. The existing building on the property will remain. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, January 25, 2018 at 8:15 pm.

#### Land Use continued

TH Holding Company LLC has filed a Proffer Condition Amendment (PCA 79-C-090-02 and PCA 91-H-001, Rezoning Application (RZ 2017-HM-019) and Special Exception (SE 2017-HM-016 for a Suite-style hotel at 1741 Business Center Drive (Lake Fairfax Business Park) Reston, [Tax Map 018-3 ((10)), Parcel A1. The property is located north of Sunset Hills Road and west of Business Center Drive. The PCAs and RZ application are needed to remove the property from the Lake Fairfax Business Park approvals and allow development of the existing surface parking lot on the property into an approximately 98,500 square foot twenty-four hour suite-style hotel to its own set of independent proffers. The Special Exceptions will permit the hotel and increase the permitted Floor Area Ration (FAR) from .50 to .67 (within the allowable range of up to .70. The Planning Commission public hearing is tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2018 at 8:15 pm.

**1941 RCP LLC and 1950 RCP LLC** – Woodfield Acquisitions, LLC filed to rezone the property at 1941 and 1950 Rowland Clarke Place from Planned Residential Community (PRC B-846-05) district to Planned Residential Mixed Use (PRM) district, PLCA B-846-04 and DPA HM-117-03 [Tax Map 74-4 ((14)) (1A) Parcel 2 and 17-4 ((14)) (1A) Parcel 3]. The property is currently developed with an approximately 90,000 square feet, 5-story office building and a 26,000 square foot, 2-story building and two surface parking lots. The property is subject to an approved site plan permitting the redevelopment of the existing office buildings with three new office building of 11, 13 and 15 stories, containing 952,038 square feet of office uses and 62,000 square feet of retail uses, totaling over 1 million square feet, at a cumulative 3.55 floor area ratio. The proposed development will replace the existing office building and surface parking with two optional development plans: 1) a mix of multi-family residential, office, hotel and/or senior living or 2) entirely multi-family residential uses. **The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for July 26, 2018, at 8:15 pm.** 

#### <u>Approved</u>

1831 Michael Faraday LLC (Rooney) - Rezoning/Final Development Plan -RZ/FDP 2016-HM-005- to rezone the property located at 1831 Michael Faraday Drive, Reston [Tax Map 18-3 ((6)) Parcel 6] from Industrial 4 to Planned Residential Mixed-Use to construct approximately 230 multi-family units and 13 townhouses, at up to 1.5 FAR. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their July 20, 2017 meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved this application at their September 12, 2017 meeting.

1587 Springhill Holdings, Inc. (Sunburst) located at Tax Map 029-3 ((1)) 2G has filed a rezoning and Conceptual Development Plan (CDP) application to rezone from Regional Retail - C-7, Highway Corridor Overlay (HC) and Sign Control Overlay (SC) Districts to Planned Tysons Corner (PTC), HC and SC Districts (RZ 2011-HM-027). The property is currently developed with a motel and restaurant that were constructed in 1982. The proposed mixed-use development is near the Tysons West Metro Station and will consist of one office building and two residential buildings, all of which will have ground floor retail. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their September 14, 2017 meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved this application at their September 26, 2017 meeting.

CARS – DB1 (East) rezoning application RZ 2011-HM-013 for the property located at 8525 Leesburg Pike, Vienna [Tax Map29-3 ((1)) 3B and part of 5]. The Cars application proposes 4.5 million square feet of transit-oriented mix-use development including office, hotel, multi-family residential and retail. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their September 14, 2017 meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved this application at their September 26, 2017 meeting.

Fairfax County, Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and Capital Facilities have filed a Planned Residential Community (PRC 74-2-113-03) application for a temporary fire station located on the north side of Cameron Glen Drive between Fairfax County Human Services building and a wooded lot. The temporary station will be occupied for approximately 20 months during the construction of the new permanent fire station on Wiehle Avenue. Following completion of the new permanent facility, the temporary facility will be removed and the site will be restored back to its original state. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their September 14, 2017 meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved this application at their September 26, 2017 meeting.

Post Trail LLC has filed a Special Exception (SE-2017-HM-010) for the property located at 11150 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, [Tax Map 018-3 ((01)) Parcel 27] to permit the operation of a retail establishment for a 6,841 square-foot bicycle sales and repairs facility. The property is location north of Sunset Hills Road and approximately 300 feet east of Michael Faraday Court. The property is zoned Medium Intensity Industrial District, I-4 and is developed with a 51,825 square-foot three-story office building that was built in 1985. No modifications to the façade of the existing building is planned. The Planning Commission recommended approval at their September 13, 2017 at their meeting. The Board of Supervisors approved this application at their September 26, 2017 meeting.

#### **Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee**

The Hunter Mill District Land Use Committee will be meeting **Tuesday, October 17, 2017,** at 7:30 pm. *Because of Absentee Voting, the meeting will be held at McNair Elementary School Cafeteria, 2499 Thomas Jefferson Drive, Herndon, VA 20171*.

On the agenda:

Fairfax County School Board - Northwest County (McNair) Elementary (see page 9)

For information, contact Goldie Harrison at 703-478-0283.

#### **Reston Planning and Zoning Committee**

The Reston Planning and Zoning Committee will be meeting on the **Monday, October 16, 2017,** 7:30 pm. *Location for this meeting is Reston Association Conference Center, 12001 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston.* 

On the agenda:

Renaissance Centro 1801, LLC - vote (see page 8)
Kensington Senior Development, LLC - vote (see page 8)
CRS Sunset Hills, LC - info (see page 7)

For additional information, visit <a href="http://rpz.korchy.com">http://rpz.korchy.com</a>.

#### **Short-Term Lodging Community Meetings**

As Fairfax County considers zoning rules for short-term rentals offered through sites like Airbnb residents can weight in at community meetings. The County is considering these regulations as a result of new state law passed this year that allows localities to require registration of short term rentals. Over the coming weeks, the following Short-Term Lodging (aka Rentals) meetings will take place:

**October 12,** Community Meeting – 7:00-9:00 pm in Conference Rooms 9/10 of the Fairfax County Government Center (12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax). Staff will present the status of the amendment and take public comments/questions. Information regarding this meeting can be found here: <a href="https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2017/attend-oct12-community-meeting-short-term-rentals.htm">https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/news/2017/attend-oct12-community-meeting-short-term-rentals.htm</a>.

**November 1,** Planning Commission Workshop – 7:00-9:00 pm in the Board Auditorium of the Government Center. The Planning Commission has requested that they receive a strawman poll in advance of the meeting and the workshop will serve as a question/answer session with staff. When finalized, the strawman and any other materials will be made available on the Planning Commission's website and on the Department of Planning and Zoning's website dedicated to short-term lodging. Time permitting, the Planning Commission will receive public comments at the workshop (limited to two minutes per person), but encourages the submission of written comments to the Planning Commission. It is specifically noted that this is not a public hearing.



Close up of a silvery-grey Hypoxylon canker and darker fruiting structures (black dots). (Image from <a href="http://www.forestpests.org/afcbook/FHG050108.pdf">http://www.forestpests.org/afcbook/FHG050108.pdf</a>)

<u>From the Fairfax County Urban Foresters</u> Each month, the Foresters provide valuable information for caring for the County's trees

#### Hypoxylon Canker

Hypoxylon canker can be a fatal disease of trees. Unable to colonize on healthy wood, Hypoxylon is dangerous to trees that are under stress. Often, trees with Hypoxylon have been declining for years which is common in urban areas with altered water tables and compacted soil. The disease affects hardwoods, particularly red oaks and maples. If a tree is declining or stressed (especially from drought), it likely will be killed eventually by Hypoxylon.



Hypoxylon canker on a young maple tree. Fairfax County Photo.

Diagnostics: Silvery-grey or black flat patches on bark in long, vertical sections. These dark patches may be overlooked as decaying wood with bark sloughing off. Affected trees may have dieback in crowns or reduced numbers of live branches.

Prevention is the solution for reducing damage from this disease. Keep trees healthy by watering. Prune only during dormancy and apply mulch properly around the tree.

More information about trees and tree care may be seen here: http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/environmental/ufmdmain.htm, or call the Fairfax County Urban Forest Management Division at 703-324-1770, TTY 711.

#### Lake Fairfax Park Stream Restoration Project

The first phase of a stream restoration project located within Lake Fairfax Park in Reston, Va., was completed in late August 2017. The project restored 2,220 feet of Colvin Run, a tributary of Difficult Run, which drains into the Potomac River. This was a joint project completed by the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services and the Fairfax County Park Authority. The stream was restored using natural channel design and achieved the following environmental benefits:

- Improved channel shape and flow characteristics
- Reduced erosion using in-stream grade control structures
- Reduction in phosphorus, nitrogen, and suspended solids
- Reduced flooding hazards by reconnecting the stream to the floodplain.



In addition, a new culvert was placed under the main road in the park to convey a higher volume of water during storms, and the pedestrian bridge was stabilized and raised. Before and after pictures of the project may be seen here. The general contractor for the \$2.2 million project was Avon Corporation of Alexandria, Va. Wetland Studies and Solutions, Inc. of Gainesville, Va., provided the design.

The Park Authority and DPWES have an extensive history of successful partnerships that result in such thriving stream restorations, such as the completed Wakefield Park Stream Restoration in Annandale. In 2016, DPWES won the Harold L. Strickland Partnership Award from the Park Authority Board for "a long list of stormwater projects it has completed in partnership with the Fairfax County Park Authority for the benefit of the community."

#### Drone 101: Explore Drone Usage in Parks and Indoor Facilities

The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) and the DC Area Drone Users Group (DUG) will hold their second Drone 101 program on **Friday, October 13, 2017** at 7 p.m. As drones have surged in popularity, hobbyists must be knowledgeable of the rules that govern their use. This program aims to assist enthusiasts get the most of their drones and avoid penalties that can result from misuse.



There will be a brief discussion and then hands-on flight demos of small, unmanned aircraft systems at the South Run District Park field house. Members of DUG will present the Drone 101 orientation that answers questions about the Federal Aviation Administration's regulation of drones and airspace, basic safety, the "dos and don'ts" of flying a drone and the difference between hobbyists and commercial drone operators. Following the short presentation, participants will have the chance to conduct short, indoor flights of drones provided by DUG members. Registration is not required.

South Run District Park is located at 7550 Reservation Drive in Springfield, VA. For more information, call 703-866-0566, or visit online at South Run RECenter. For more information about the drone program please contact the Public Information Office at 703-324-8662 or via Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

#### Park Authority Cultural Resource Plan Review Underway

The Fairfax County Park Authority is seeking public comment on the newly-revised Cultural Resource Management Pan. This plan was developed as part of the Park Authority's continuing effort to promote cultural resource stewardship in Fairfax County and to continue in its mission to protect cultural resources for present and future generations. A public comment meeting is coming up on **Wednesday, October 18**, 7 pm at the Great Falls Grange (9818 Georgetown Pike, Great Falls).



The Cultural Resource Management Plan is being revamped to provide a more streamlined approach to archaeology and historic preservation. The new plan reflects recent structural changes that established two cooperatives branches; the **Heritage Conservation Branch** (responsible for policies and regulations regarding historic buildings, ruins, structures, the Resident Curator Program, and curatorial museum collections management), and the **Archaeology and Collections Branch** (responsible for archaeology on parkland and countywide including archaeological resources, cultural resource policies and regulations, cemeteries and archaeological collections.)

You can view the <u>draft Cultural Resources Management Plan</u>. Public comments are welcome through Friday, November 17. For more information contact Dr. Elizabeth Crowell at Elizabeth Crowell@fairfaxcounty.gov, or 703-246-5758.



#### Farm Harvest Days Return to Frying Pan Farm Park Friday - Sunday, October 13-15

Bring the whole family to see what's happening at the Farm! Watch the cider press in action, milk a goat, shell corn, meet the farm animals, and see farm demonstrations. **Farm Harvest Days** activities run from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturday and Sunday. Admissions is free but there is a charge for the wagon and carousel rides.

For more fun, visit the **Fall Carnival**, Friday through Sunday. There will be games and carnival rides and tasty food. Most rides are 3-5 tickets. Ride to your heart's

content with the Sunday-Only Unlimited Carnival Ride Pass. Visit the Frying Pan Farm Park website for details.

Frying Pan Farm Park is located at 2709 West Ox Road, Herndon. Call 703-437-9101 for information.

#### Laugh with Capitol Steps and Help the Shepherd's Center

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna, one of our partners in providing needed services to our area's senior residents, is sponsoring an afternoon with the *Capitol Steps* comedy troupe. The afternoon benefit performance will be held on **Sunday, October 22**, 3 pm, at Oakton High School (2900 Sutton Road, Vienna). Contact the Shepherd's Center for <u>on-line tickets</u>, or call 703-281-0538.

#### The Capitol Steps -

"They put the MOCK in Democracy." A singing, dancing satirical show that's been making DC laugh for over 35 years.

#### Congressional App Challenge

Congressman Gerry Connolly invites middle and high school students in the 11th District of Virginia to participate in this year's Congressional App Challenge, a competition that highlights the importance of STEM education and encourages student participation in coding and computer science.

Participants will create and submit an original application which will be rated by an impartial panel of technical experts. The app must be submitted through the <u>Congressional App Challenge website</u> by November 1, 2017. Each congressional district will have one winner who will be announced in early December. Check the website for additional information, or call Congressman Connolly's District Office at 703-256-3071.

